Summary of Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LHPA) Certified for 2026

The annual appropriation for Local Homeless Prevention Aid is $20 million. That amount is distributed as follows:

- $17.6 million to counties
- $2.4 million to tribal governments

Counties

The calculation for counties has two components:

I. Population-based aid
II. Student data-based aid

I. Population-Based Aid

Each county receives the greater of:

- $5,000
- 5% of the county appropriation ($880,000) multiplied by the ratio of the population of the county to the population of all counties

For 2026, the population data is what was available as of January 1, 2025, the state demographer's estimates for 2023.

For 2026, the total amount of population-based aid is $1,029,695.

II. Student-Based Aid

The remaining appropriation is multiplied by each county's distribution factor.

The distribution factor is the total number of students experiencing homelessness in the county for the three most recent school years divided by the total number of students experiencing homelessness in all counties in the three most recent school years.

For 2025, the data used was for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years. It is available on the Minnesota Department of Education's website here: https://public.education.mn.gov/MDEAnalytics/Data.jsp (Students > Category "Enrollment" > Level "State/District/School/County").

For 2026, the total amount of student data-based aid is $16,570,305.

Tribal Governments

The $2.4 million distributed to tribal governments is divided equally between the tribes that opted in to receive aid for that year. For 2026, all 11 of Minnesota's federally recognized tribal governments opted to receive aid. Each will receive $282,182, except that the amounts for two tribal governments were each reduced by $1 in order to not exceed the appropriation.

LHPA Payment Dates

LHPA is paid to counties and tribal governments on July 20 and December 26 each year.

Expiration

LHPA will expire after aid is paid in 2028.